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This house is located about 1/4 mile north of Trovinger Mill Road, approximately 1 1/4 miles from its junction with Jefferson Boulevard (Maryland Route 64) in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a bluff above the Antietam Creek and faces south.

The structure is a three-bay, two-story brick dwelling painted white with black trim. A two-bay frame el extends to the rear of the building.

The house is set on fieldstone foundations. Brickwork at the facade is Flemish bond while other walls display common bond. Flat brick arches are located over the window and door openings.

Windows, containing two-over-two pane Victorian period sash are present on all sides of the house. At the facade they are flanked by louvered shutters. The window Traming is finished with simple molding.

The front entrance is located in the center bay of the south wall. The doorway is quite plain, with molded edging providing the only decorative work at the jambs. A narrow transom is present above the door. Other entrances are located in the frame extension to the rear and at the cellar level in the west side of the foundation.

Evidence remains of a one-story porch along the facade which has been removed. Forches shelter the entrances to the rear frame extension. They are supported by

The roof is covered with slate. According to a previous owner, the house reived a new roof about 1898. Small brick chimneys rise from inside each gable end.

The cornice consists of a simple band of molding.

Although the general exterior appearance of this house suggests a late 19th century building date, closer examination (made in 1977) reveals an 18th century building which was enlarged and extensively renovated during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Flemish bonding at the front elevation ends just above the first story windows to be replaced by common bonding showing six courses of stretchers between header rows. At the gable ends careful scrutiny revealed the outline of gables of a former one story building which had been raised in hight to the present two stories. The older brickwork at the first story level was in common bond with three rows of stretchers between header courses. The common bonding above it, being the addition is already noted was laid in a six-to-one ratio.

The interior of the house reveals further evidence that an earlier, and apparently 18th century, house was enlarged. The first story has massive interior doors, most with four raised panels with quarter round trim. The door leading from the west room to the circa 1900 kitchen addition was apparently at one time an exterior door having raised panels on its front surface and battens sheathing the brick. It is secured with long strap hinges. Door frames are heavy, with quarter round trim. Early chair rail also remains in the first story. The first floor plan would appear to be Germanic in origin having a large room with a fireplace and corner stair taking almost half the house. Two smaller rooms utilize the remaining area. The fireplace in the west wall has been rebuilt.

The house is in excellent condition and is located on the property containing 27.88 acres. It is not at present in danger of destruction. Included in the acreage a late 19th century frame bark barn.

An old road which led from Hagerstown to several mills and forges along the lietam passes through the property. The road was in use during the 18th and early 19th centuries with portions remaining in service today as farm lanes. The road forced the Antietam behind the house.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture. In its present form it represents a frequently seen type of brick building which dates in Washington County generally from the second half of the 19th century. The structure apparently began life, however, as a one-story, late 18th century brick building, and was enlarged during the late 19th century to two full stories. The exterior reveals the contrast between 18th and late 19th century construction, and the interior displays the same contrast with a remarkable amount of 18th century work remaining in the main story and in the cellar.

The property is worthy of note for its association with the early road which led west to "Rohrer's Mill" and to Hagerstown. Although the road is no longer in use, much of its path can be traced and it should be considered for preservation. (See description.)

The Rohrer family, who operated a nearby mill, originally owned the property on which this house stands, selling it in 1792. It was probably the Rohrers who built the 18th century portion of this house.

In its situation along Antietam Creek, the property also has great scenic value.

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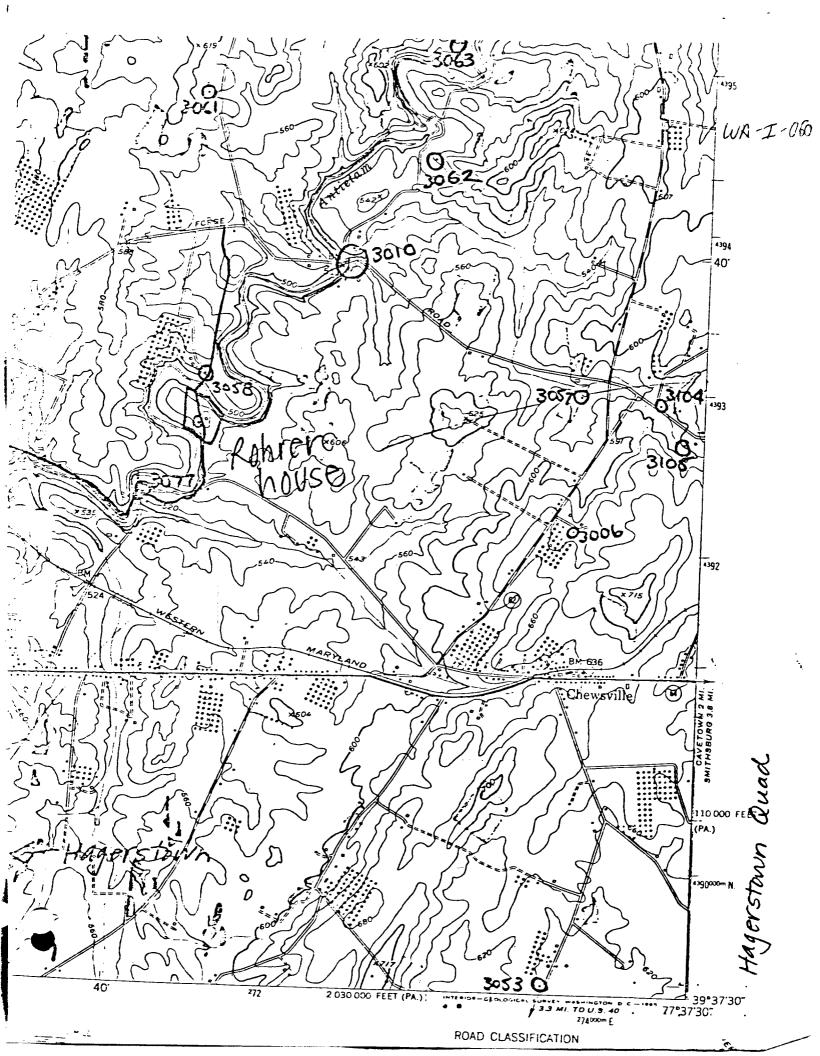
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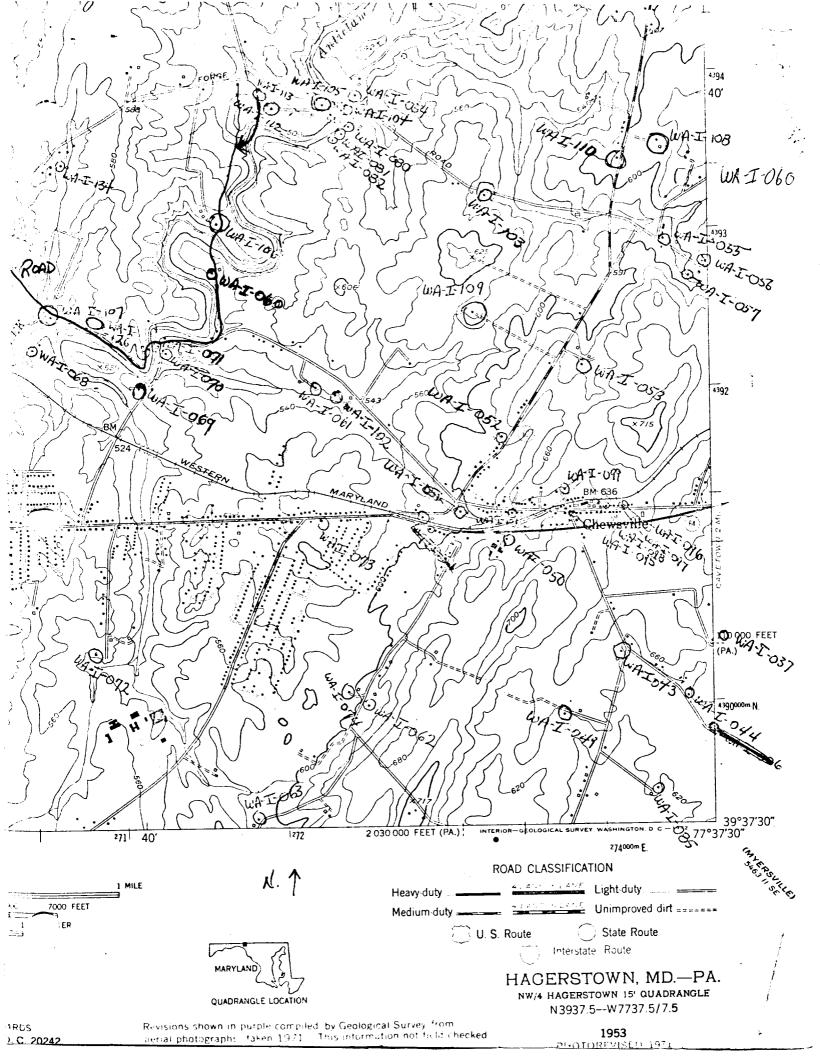
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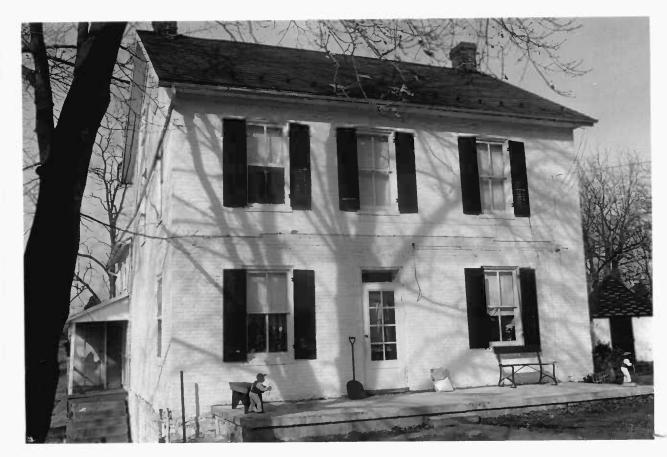
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